and Naupada-Gunupur in Orissa, sanctioned in 1995-96 and 1997-98, is still languishing;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in taking up the projects; and

(c) the fresh steps taken for expeditious completion of work on these projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) The work of gauge conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi (89 km) was included in the budget 1995-96. In phase I, the work on Rupsa-Baripada (52 km) is in progress. The work is progressing as per availability of resources.

The work of gauge conversion of Naupada-Gunupur was included in the budget 1997-98 with the proviso that the work would be taken up after obtaining necessary clearances. Action for obtaining clearances has been initiated. The work on this project would be taken up after requisite clearances are available.

Conversion of Bhuj-Nalia Rail Line

*289. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey for conversion of Bhuj-Nalia rail line has been completed; and

(b) if so, by when the project is expected to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to unremunerative nature and acute constraints of resources, it has not been found feasible to take up the project.

Offices of Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation at Vijayawada

*290. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have allotted land for construction of offices of Catering and Tourism Corporation at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the area of land allotted;

(c) by when construction would begin and be completed; and

(d) what are the details of the Railway employees who would be absorbed in the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Modalities have not yet been finalised.

Complaints against officer of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University

†*291. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry/the Central Vigilance Commission have received any serious complaints against an officer of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra, with regard to corruption/cheating;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry/the Central Vigilance Commission have started enquiry into the matter;

(d) if so, the outcome of the enquiry so far and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to give instructions for taking action against such corrupt officials and if so, by when the action is likely to be taken; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The disciplinary authority in matters of serious complaints against officers of State Universities such as Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra are the State Government/ University authorities. Central Vigilance Commission does not take cognizance of complaints against the officers of State Government/State Universities and forwards such complaints to the concerned State Government for suitable action. The Ministry of Human Resource Development is not in receipt of any such complaint against an officer of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra.

(c) to (f) Question does not arise.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.